NATIONAL MEDICAL LABORATORY WEEK

WHEREAS, the health of all Americans depends upon educated minds and trained hands; and

WHEREAS, the practice of modern medicine at the exacting standards we now enjoy would be impossible without the scientific tests performed daily in the medical laboratory; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of these standards and progress toward improvement in the quality of laboratory services depends on the dedicated efforts of professional clinical laboratory science practitioners; and

WHEREAS, through this dedication the medical laboratories of the United States have made a vital contribution to the quality of health care.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim the week of April 20 – 26, 2003 as "MEDICAL LABORATORY WEEK" in Augusta, Georgia and urge all citizens to recognize and support the vital service provided by the laboratory practitioner for the benefit of all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 17th day of April 2003.